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TRANSMITTAL FOR NEW PATENT APPLICATION

Transmitted herewith for filing is the Patent Application of:

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For: **Manipulation and Cutting System and Method**

ENCLOSURES

- 15 page application including specification, claims and abstract;
- 18 sheets of informal drawings;
- A Declaration, Power of Attorney (Unsigned).
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And

- An Assignment of the invention to and an assignment cover sheet;
- A Nonpublication Request Under 35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2)(B)(i)
- Applicant Claims Small Entity Status;
- An associate power of attorney;
- A certified copy of country patent application number (priority document) is enclosed.

TYPE OF FILING

- This application claims the benefit of an earlier filed U.S. Patent Application under 35 USC 120.
- Please accord Applicant the benefit of the priority date of January 31, 2003, to this case pursuant to 35 USC 119. Applicant's claim for priority is based on application serial no. 60/444,326 filed in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on said date.
- This is an application filed pursuant to 37 CFR 1.53, permitting receipt of a filing date upon filing of specification, claims and drawings, if required, with applicant being given a period of one month from the date of notice to file the fee and oath or declaration.
- In the event any parts of this application are incomplete, please treat this as a filing under 37 CFR 1.53 as defined just above.

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